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COUNTY OFFICES

Handling County Affairs is Usually Unbusiness Like—Every County Should Have an Auditor and Office of Treasurer Should be Abolished.

Chapel Hill, Oct. 16—Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson of Winston-Salem, spoke to the North Carolina club last night on "County Offices—Legal Duties and Court House Customs". Little attention was given to the latter part of the subject, because, he said, there are as many court-house customs as there are different men holding county offices—say 3,000, all told.

The constitution of North Carolina provides for the election of the following officers in every county: clerk of the Superior court, sheriff, coronor, treasurer, register of deeds, surveyor, and five commissioners. But it also allows the General Assembly to modify, change, or abrogate any or all of the provisions concerning county officers and substitute others in their place.

In addition to these constitutional county officers, others have been created by public or public-local statutes. As a result, county officers average 30 to the county in North Carolina. At least 10 counties have county courts with a judge, a clerk, and usually a solicitor. At least six counties have highway commissions. Practically all have county physicians and superintendents of schools and county homes. Thirteen have whole-time health officers. Some have county attorneys to advise all officers. Ninety-five have a farm demonstration agent. Forsyth alone has a public welfare officer, under the new law.

The county auditor is an officer rapidly growing in favor. Already 11 counties have auditors, and every county should have such an officer.

The office of treasurer should be abolished in every county with a reputable bank. Three counties have no banks. The office has already been abolished in some 50 counties.

The duties of the clerk of the Superior court, sheriff, and register of deeds are multifarious. Their time is largely consumed in accommodating the public without charge. To get at their fees accurately is impossible, because much of their work is gratuitous to their party supporters. Some officers have been so generous to their constituents as actually to fall into debt in office.

Handling county affairs in most counties is the product of antiquity and is usually unbusinesslike in the extreme. The new officer usually employs the former incumbent or his assistant to pilot him along until he learns the ropes. County officers are not often expert bookkeepers and this is why I so strongly advocate a county auditor in every county. He protects the officials even more than the public. It is rare that an officer who comes out short in his accounts has willfully misappropriated one cent of the funds.

In conclusion Judge Stephenson made the following suggestions:

1. The abolishment of the office of county treasurer in every county with a reputable bank.

2. Creation of the office of auditor in every county, with the annual auditing of the books of every officer and the publishing of these reports in simple language. Groups of counties could combine in employing an auditor.

3. Placing county officers on a salary basis solely; and, as naturally follows, the annual accounting by the officer to the county for all fees, commissions, and compensations of every sort received by him in virtue of his office. The surveyor and coronor might be left on the fee basis.

STATE NEWS

Prof. Wm. F. Gill, head of the department of Latin at Trinity college, died at a hospital in Durham Thursday, having been sick only 2 days. He was 43 years old, a native of Henderson, where the funeral took place Friday. Deceased had been a member of the Trinity faculty since 1898.

Students at Greensboro college for women, anxious to help conserve the food supply, have called up President Turrentine to have one "wheatless day" and one "meatless day" in the college each week, and have resolved not to spend more than 10 cents for confectionery in any week.

Why Suffer?

Mrs. J. A. Cox, of Alderson, W. Va., writes: "My daughter... suffered terribly. She could not turn in bed... The doctors gave her up, and we brought her home to die. She had suffered so much at... time. Having heard of Cardui, we got it for her."

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LOWER FOOD PRICES

Hoover Says Corner Has Been Turned in High Prices and That Reductions Should be Shown—Retail Prices Are Not Being Reduced as They Should Be.

Food Administrator Hoover gave notice to the public Thursday night that "the corner has been turned in high food prices and that most of the essential commodities should continue to show reductions between now and the end of the year. At the same time he pointed out that retail prices are not going down in accord with wholesale reductions and intimated that the consumer himself might correct this by bringing proper pressure to bear.

To aid the public in dealing with retailers who continue to extort war profits the food administration now is collecting wholesale prices of all staples in 700 cities and soon will begin publishing them weekly for comparison with the retail figures.

Without further authority from Congress, Mr. Hoover said, the government is powerless to control retailers, except those doing a business of more than \$100,000 a year. He did not care to discuss the question of whether Congress would be asked to extend his authority, saying he wanted to give the retailers a chance first.

Retailers Profits Excessive.

As an illustration of how the price to the consumer is keeping up a statement issued by the administrator said beef now is selling in Chicago at 14 1-2 cents a pound, compared with 16 cents in July, while the average retail price of round steak now is 31 cents, compared with 27 cents in July. The millers' retail price for first patent flour in jute bags ranges from \$10 to \$10.70, but the average retail price is \$13.77 or, the administrators say, from \$1.50 to \$2 more than the wholesale figure warrants. Sugar should sell from 8 to 8 1-2 cents a pound in spite of the present temporary shortage, as the wholesale figures have not advanced.

Now that it is all over, Mr. Hoover said, it may be admitted that in September the country faced a serious shortage of flour and that at one time New York was down to a thirty-six hour supply. Virtually the same condition prevailed at Philadelphia and other consuming centers.

MEANING ME?

By Abbie Farwell Brown of The Vigilantes.

"Waste Nothing! Save, Scrimp, Pinch, for the Common Good!"

Meaning me? Why me? You rich man, who earned a lot of money, (fairly or not)—it is hard lines that you may not do with it as you please now, isn't it? You don't like to be told how little you ought to eat, and how much you ought to save, when you can "afford" to have what you want when you want it. Do you?

But don't you see, Sir? This war is an upsetting thing. Everything's changed. This isn't the same world we were living in three years ago. We have walked into a new problem. Money has lost its comparative value for a bit. On crude necessities hang the hopes of nations; beef, flour, gasoline—stuff of life and Victory—are growing scarcer all the time. You may be "rich" but you've no more right to be careless of the world's food than has your poorest clerk. You and he are equally dependent on the issues of this war. You are in the same lifeboat, and rations are scarce. You must save and pull together. The "bit" you are called to do for your country may be a bit of self-denial. Well, the brave boys are fighting for you and yours at the front. You've got to hoard up the supplies at home to keep them strong and winning. We've got to send life to our suffering Allies. The world is starving, do you see? No matter how swell a chef you have, he must not load your table with goodies. It isn't decent. Save, scrimp, pinch for the common larder. Use your surplus to buy Liberty bonds.

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Meaning me? Why me? You poor man, who saved and scrimped and pinched to buy a motorcar for self and family. It's hard lines you can't do as you please with it now, isn't it? What's been the use of respectable thrift anyhow, if you can't have the fun of it now?

Fun! Don't you see, Man? We're up against it hard. It's life itself we have to worry about! not mere comforts or luxuries. Can't you do without a few joy-rides when Europe has lost all joy? The supply of gasoline is millions of gallons short for the demands of aeroplanes, ambulances, trucks, tanks and countless machines that are fighting your cause in this war. There is no gasoline at all, they say, to be had for new cars in England. Old cars are limited to about seven gallons a month. What would happen to self and family if our army should run seriously short of petrol? This may be if Americans keep on with extravagant joy-riding. Death-riding it will be. Every gallon of gasoline counts. Save it, for Victory! Put the cash you were going to spend into Liberty bonds. You'll be glad later.

We used gaily to think that there were plenty enough of everything in the good old world, if you had the price. Now we know better. Price is not everything when there isn't stuff to buy. We've got to save—everything. And finance the State.

If you are not careful with what you have America may be lost. You can't be selfish now.

Meaning you, meaning every one of us!

D. S. Sidbury, negro, was shot through the right shoulder in Wilmington Thursday by Policeman W. K. Rhodes when the negro drew a knife on the officer and resisted arrest. The shooting occurred at the officer's home, where the negro was abusing the officer for interference in an altercation between white and colored children when a negro punished all the white children she could reach. Sidbury was able to walk to a



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War Expenditures Nearly \$3,000,000,000.

Government expenditures since the beginning of the fiscal year July 1 are nearing the \$3,000,000,000 mark. The total, reported in the daily U. S. Treasury statement of the 15th, was \$2,921,075,341. This is nearly \$800,000,000 more than receipts during this period, including that portion of the first Liberty loan paid since the fiscal year began. The greatest single item of expenditures was \$1,571,200,000 advanced the Allies. Ordinary disbursements—including military and naval and the cost thus far of the

shipbuilding and aircraft programs—totaled \$1,029,976,541. A total of \$286,071,722 had been expended in the retirement of short time certificates of indebtedness.

Christopher C. Bland, a hero of Fort Fisher, committed suicide at his home at Ayden, Pitt county, Tuesday by shooting himself with a shotgun. He had not been considered mentally right since a severe illness several years ago. He was 73 years old, father of Lee Bland, a hotel man well known over the State, being proprietor of the Ricks house at Rocky Mount, the Bland at Raleigh and several others.

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